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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO0116937A1] A system and method to identify a sound source among a group of sound sources. The invention matches the acoustic input to a number of signal models, one per source class, and produces a goodness-of-match number for each signal model. The sound source is declared to be of the same class as that of the signal model with the best goodness-of-match if that score is sufficiently high. The data are recorded with a microphone, digitized and transformed into the frequency domain. A signal detector is applied to the transient. A harmonic detection method can be used to determine if the sound source has harmonic characteristics. If at least some part of a transient contains signal of interest, the spectrum of the signal after rescaling is compared to a set of signal models, and the input signal's parameters are fitted to the data. The average distortion is calculated to compare patterns with those of sources that used in training the signal models. Before classification can occur, a source model is trained with signal data. Each signal model is built by creating templates from input signal spectrograms when they are significantly different from existing templates. If an existing template is found that resembles the input pattern, the template is averaged with the pattern in such a way that the resulting template is the average of all the spectra that matched that template in the past.

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